(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b) There is no anomaly in the pay sclaes of the Junior Engineers in the Central Public Works Department. However, the demand of the Junior Engineers for a uniform pay scale is under consideration.

Increase in the supply of water in Delhi

432. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plans have been worked out for increasing the supply of water to the residence of Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details of the some and by when those are likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b) Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking has reported that it has planned taken several long term measures and short term measures scheduled for completion within the current years to increase the supply of drinking water in Delhi. Some of the measuresr are:—

Short term measures :

(i) Construction of 180 MLD water treatment plant at Wazirabad. First phase already completed.

(ii) Construction of 54 MLD Iron Removal Water Treatment Plant at Okhla.

(iii) Construction of 5 ranney wells in Alipur expected to yield about 67.50 MLD.

Long term measures :

(i) Construction of second 450 MLD Water Treatment plant at Haiderpur (2 years).

(ii) Construction of 180 MLD (40 MGD) water treatment plant at Nangloi (2-3 years).

(iii) Construction of 450 MLD water treatment plant at Gokulpuri in trans-Yamuna (5-6 years).

Concessions and facilities to Neo-Buddhists

433. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to extent to Neo-Buddhists the concenssions and facilities accorded to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Orders (Amendment) Bill, 1990 has been introduced in the Rajya Sabha to amend the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Orders to remove bar on Scheduled Caste converts to Buddhism from being deemed to be members of Scheduled Castes.

Steps to prevent exploitation of Indian Labour Employed Overseas

434. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to prevent exploitation of Indian Labour employed overseas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) and (b) The Emigration Act, 1983 and the Rules framed thereunder are intended to protect the workers against exploitation. The main features of the Act are:—

(i) No person can function as a recurting agent without a valid certificates issued by the Protector General of Emigrants ;

(ii) No agent shall charge more than Rs. 2000/- as service charges for recruiting a worker ;

(iii) A bank guarantee ranging from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 5 lakhs is taken from the Agent for securing due performance of the terms and conditions of the Certificate;

(iv) Violation of the provisions of the Act has been made a cognizable offience; and

(v) Public Hearings are conducted three days in a week to attend to the workers problems at the Ministry of Labour.

Sanitary latrines in the country

435. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages provided with sanitary latrines during the period April, 1987 till January, 1990, State wise;

(b) the amount spent on the construction of these latrines;

(c) the percentage of rur a population not provided with this facility, State-wise ; and

(d) by when they are proposed to be provided with this facility?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL) : (a) The information is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) A total amount of Rs. 41.64 crores was spent on the construction of the sanitary latrines during the period April, 1987 to January, 1990 under the state sector Minimum Needs Programme (MNP), Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP), National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP) including the cost of the sanitary latrines constructed as integral part of Indira Awas Yojana.

(c) A Statement is enclosed. (*See* below).

(d) The time frame for providing this facility to the uncovered rural population will be decided after finalisation of the approach to rural sanitation programme in the Eighth Plan and the Plan outlay for the same.